



## Labor Voices on Kyoto

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### AFL-CIO

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**"The AFL-CIO opposes the Kyoto Protocol because we do not believe an effective solution [to global warming] is possible without full global participation."**

**"We have carefully reviewed the [Administration's economic] analysis, and find the rosy picture it paints wanting on several counts."**

**"It is inevitable and not fair that certain groups of workers and communities will be forced to bear a disproportionate burden of reducing greenhouse gases."**

**"The Administration makes highly unrealistic assumptions about the ability to implement an effective international carbon trading system."**

### United Mine Workers of America

*Cecil Roberts, President*

*June 24, 1998*

**"We believe that the Kyoto Protocol will have serious negative effects on U.S. jobs, economic growth, family incomes, and trade, but have almost no positive effects on carbon [dioxide] concentrations."**

**"Carbon permits will be a carbon tax on the economy. Whether imposed directly by the government or by the market, end-user energy prices will rise, and the increased cost of doing business will ultimately be passed on to consumers."**

**"All forms of fossil energy will experience price increases."**

**"Over a million jobs could be lost, and the losses will occur in every region of the country."**

**"Despite the substantial economic costs, the Kyoto Protocol will accomplish nothing environmentally."**

**"A basic question on the minds of coal miners is what happens to them? What happens to their families and their communities...?"**

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